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Mrs. Knecht

Mrs. John (Ella) Knecht, 91, of Houghton, died Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Marshall Manor in Britton where she had been residing.

Services were held Dec. 19 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Houghton with the Rev. Jon Simundson officiating.

Mrs. Dale Engelhart was the soloist and Mrs. Bill Dennert was the organist.

Burial was in the Houghton Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Russell and Elmer Knecht Jr., Larry Johnson, A.M. Mitchell, Gerry Podall and Robert Carson.

Ella Bartholome was born Nov. 24, 1887, in Brown County Dakota Territory, near Houghton. She married John Knecht Dec. 22, 1908, at Aberdeen. They farmed in the Houghton area until 1947 when they retired and moved into Houghton. Mr. Knecht died in 1952. She continued to live in Houghton until 1971 when she became a resident of the manor in Britton.

She was a longtime member of the Three-In-One Extension Club and was a charter member of the Shelby Township Friendship Club.

Survivors include four sons, Elmer, Arthur, John, (Bud) and Lloyd, all of Houghton; five daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Podall, of Hecla; Mrs. Marvin (Mildred) Mitchell, of Houghton; Mrs. Clarence (Lois) Carson, Aberdeen; Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Johnson and Mrs. Donna Johnson, both of Columbia; one brother, Alvin (Butch) Bartholome, of Alexandria, Minn.; three sisters, Mrs. Mamie Henderks, of Webster; Mrs. Walter (Esther) Swanson, of Houghton; and Mrs. Edna Johnson, of San Gabriel, Calif.; 29 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three brothers and one sister.